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**Vehicle Division to Hold Town New Mexico's Motor hall Meetings
Regarding Changes to Commercial Drivers License**

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SANTA FE – The New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) along with the New Mexico Transportation Division and the Trucking Industry will present a series of statewide informational meetings regarding federal changes in requirements for a Commercial Driver License (CDL) due to the Patriot Act – specifically the transportation of hazardous material.

According to Jan Goodwin, Secretary of Taxation and Revenue (TRD), the meetings will address new federal guidelines for CDL holders, and update truckers on changes to New Mexico's laws that directly affect the trucking industry.

The Federal Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security have issued rules to secure the transport of hazardous materials (HAZMAT), including explosives. The rules require background checks on commercial drivers certified to transport hazardous materials. The background check process includes the collection of an individual's fingerprints, and verification of United States citizenship, immigration eligibility, or permanent legal presence in the United States, Goodwin said.

The meetings will be held in the following locations:

CLOVIS – April 18

Clovis Community College – Town Hall, 417 Schepps Blvd., Clovis, NM 88101.
Contact Aspen Marshall at (505) 769-4001.

ROSWELL - April 19

ENMU Performing Arts Center, 64 University Blvd., Roswell, NM 88202.
Contact Francis Dubiel at (505) 624-7250.

HOBBS – April 20

NM Jr. College, Moran Bldg. Rm. 169, 5317 Lovington Hwy, Hobbs, NM 88240.
Contact Randy Cook at (505) 392-5872.

CARLSBAD - April 21

Pecos River Village - Rm #3, 711 Muscatel, Carlsbad, NM 88220.
Contact Lisa Boeke at (505) 887-6516.

LAS CRUCES - April 25

Workforce Development Center, 2345 East Nevada Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88001.
Contact Barbara Carrison at (505) 527-7776/(888) 827-7776.

SILVER CITY - April 26

National Guard Armory - 11990 Hwy 180 Santa Clara, NM 88023. Located 8 miles north of Silver City.
Contact Sgt. Hickson at (505) 537-6208.

ALBUQUERQUE – April 27

National Guard Armory, 600 Wyoming Blvd, Albuquerque, NM 87123.
Contact Frank Estrada at (505) 841-6479.

FARMINGTON – April 28

San Juan College - Henderson Fine Arts Center 4601 College Avenue - Rm 9010 – 9012.
Contact Maury Tiehen (505) 327-5705 ext. 255

State representatives from those areas are expected to be on hand to answer any questions.
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